

Final notes from Michael Studinger - Operation IceBridge Project Scientist

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Over the past 67 days the P-3 has been in the air 325 hours. It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of airborne activities that have taken place over Greenland, the Canadian Arctic and the Arctic Ocean over the past couple of weeks. IceBridge deployed two aircraft that have collected a tremendous amount of data. But we were not alone. Our colleagues from the European Space Agency had an extremely successful CryoVEx campaign with two survey aircraft involved and many ground activities. The UK-US project named GROGG surveyed the Greenland Ice Sheet as well and so did a team from CReSIS. In the Beaufort Sea, the US Navy and its partners conducted ICEx 2011, with survey aircraft and measurements on the sea ice. The scope and level of coordination between all these airborne and ground campaigns makes the International Polar Year look small. Thank you all for the excellent coordination!

